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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 07 May 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Seto et al. (U.S.Pub. 2003/0067219 A1).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: the proposed amendment in which the assumed manual steering operation characteristic would be further recited to comprise one of a maximum steering angle and a steering speed in each of independent claims 1 and 12, with respect to figure 5 of Seto et al., where the Examiner instead suggested that maybe Applicant should additionally consider emphasizing some of the further dependent limitations wrt steering based avoidance and determining whether to pass on one side or another of an obstacle..